

MINUTES OF THE GEOGRAPHIC RESEARCH AREA STAFF MEETING, 15 MARCH 1960

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PRESENT: [REDACTED]

1. New Work

a. D/GG

D/GG is working on a supplement to the Burma NIE, which is a run-down of the Border Agreement. Cuban Urban work continues; the Paraguay project may be delayed in favor of doing some additional work on Cuban cities.

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2. Travel Plans

a. D/GG

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[REDACTED] while on his area familiarization trip in the Far East; this will be discussed further with DD/P.

b. D/GC

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[REDACTED] is in Zurich attending the International Cartographic Course at the Federal Cartographic Institute.

c. D/GL

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Arrangements have been made for [REDACTED] to go to Paraguay.

3. Significant Conversations and Contacts

a. Briefing of [REDACTED]

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4. Problems

a. Overload

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[REDACTED] reported on one big continuing problem -- that of an overload of requests.

5. Study of the National Power of the United States vs. the Soviet Union

25X1A9a [REDACTED] has been designated by the DD/I to head up an inter-departmental group to prepare a report for the President within the next 4 to 6 weeks on the National Power of the United States (Free World) vs. the Soviet Union (Soviet Bloc) -- 1960-65 and 1965-70. This is to be a study of national strengths to accomplish national objectives. [REDACTED] 25X1A9a has been asked to interpret the various geographic elements which have an effect on national power. [REDACTED] 25X1A9a indicated he would like to discuss this with some of the Division personnel, and a meeting was set up for 22 March at 0930 in 1114 M at which it was asked that the following be present: [REDACTED] 25X1A9a [REDACTED] suggested that these personnel read some of the available literature on the subject prior to the meeting.

6. Geographic Exchange

25X1A9a [REDACTED] reported on the most recent developments with regard to [REDACTED] 25X1X4 [REDACTED] the itinerary discussed with [REDACTED] changes both to [REDACTED] 25X1A9a [REDACTED] 25X1X4 [REDACTED] 25X1X4

7. Travel to AAG Meetings in Dallas

25X1A9a [REDACTED] informed the Division Chiefs that the planned departure time for the plane transporting the group to Dallas for the AAG Meetings is 2:00 p.m., 17 April; the group will leave Dallas at 1:00 p.m., 21 April. 25X1A9a [REDACTED] read the "conditions" of travel by the plane; this statement 25X1A9a will be circulated to each Division Chief so that he may inform his people. It was asked that [REDACTED] submit the names of D/GC and D/GC personnel who will be going, indicating which are to be fully sponsored; 16 seats are available for GC and GC personnel. 25X1A [REDACTED]

8. Security Regarding Papers on Trips

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9. IGU Meetings

a. Meeting for Personnel Going to IGU on "Sponsored" Basis

A meeting will be held in the near future to outline specific objectives for personnel going officially to the IGU meetings.

b. IGU Requirements

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██████████ noted the requirement submitted on the IGU by D/GL for Contact Specialists, and suggested that D/CG should submit a similar requirement. ██████████ stated that D/CG was waiting until after the meeting was held outlining specific objectives.

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c. List of Soviet Papers

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25X1A9a ██████████ has circulated to the divisions copies of a list of Soviet Papers to be presented at the IGU Meetings, which he received from the Russians. ██████████ can get selected papers before the meetings.

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d. Room with Translators

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██████████ is working on getting a room set up with translators for the IGU meetings; ██████████ will attempt to get someone from one of the embassies.

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10. Training at ██████████ 25X1A6a

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Both Messrs. ██████████ reported that the week spent at ██████████ by several CG and CC personnel was very worthwhile. A summation of what was covered during the week will be presented to ██████████ on Friday, 18 March.

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11. New Cover for the Map Acquisitions Lists

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██████████ showed the group the new cover to be used for the Map Acquisitions Lists; the seals of all seven agencies which participate in the IAMPCC appear on the cover.

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12. Map Servicing by [REDACTED] Office

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[REDACTED] stated that a memorandum is being prepared clarifying map services to be done by [REDACTED] office.

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13. Map Collection in OCI Graphics 25X1A9a

In answer to a request from [REDACTED], OCI Graphics, to have his map collection put in order, [REDACTED] met with [REDACTED]. It was found that [REDACTED] has been servicing various parts of the DD/I Area, as well as the DD/I and higher officials from his limited collection of maps, rather than referring requests to the Map Library. The necessity of having all requests serviced from the large collection at the Map Library was discussed with [REDACTED] and later brought to the attention of Ch/G, the AD/RR and the DD/I. This will be done as soon as we can arrange for the after-hours coverage which will be required.

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